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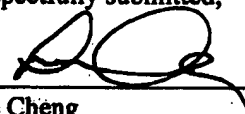
Sir:

The applicant, through their attorneys, hereby submits a Request for Refund of fees charged to Deposit Account 18-0013, in the above-identified application. The fee for filing an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) of \$180.00 was improperly charged on June 14, 2004. The fee charged was for the submission of an IDS filed on June 10, 2004. Upon review of the IDS, it is noted the IDS was filed before the mailing of a first action on the merits. Since the IDS was filed before the mailing date of a First Office action on the merits, no fee is believed to have been due. Therefore, a refund in the amount of \$180 to deposit account 18-0013 is respectfully requested.

For the convenience of the USPTO, we are enclosing a date stamped copy of the postcard as proof of filing on June 10, 2004 and a copy of the Monthly Statement of Deposit Account showing the charge of \$180.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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SINGLE-CHAIN VARIABLE FRAGMENT ANTIBODY TO VENEZUELAN
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

- ☒ A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. **No fee is required** (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)). The Patent Office is **NOT AUTHORIZED** to charge deposit account 18-0013 under 37 CFR §§ 1.97(c)(2) and 1.17(p). However, **ONLY IF** a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before filing of this Information Disclosure Statement,

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